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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 19, line 49, claim 1 after the word “tissue”, insert the word --property--;

Column 19, line 52, claim 2 cancel the word “of”;

Column 19, line 60, claim 4 “wherein” should be changed to --wherein,--;

Column 19, line 61, claim 4 “step” should be changed to --step,--;

Column 19, line 64, claim 5 “surgical stapler” should be changed to --method--;

Column 20, line 60, claim 15 cancel the text “first jaw member is adapted to receive a drive member being” and insert the following text --driving member is--;

Column 20, line 61, claim 15 “drive” should be changed to --driving--;

Column 20, line 64, claim 15 “drive” should be changed to --driving--;

Column 21, line 9, claim 16 “drive” should be changed to --driving--;

Column 21, line 18, claim 17 “drive” first occurrence should be changed to --driving--;

Column 21, line 18, claim 17 “drive” second occurrence should be changed to --driving--;

Column 23, line 5, claim 36 after the word “enhancer”, insert the following text --through the needles--;

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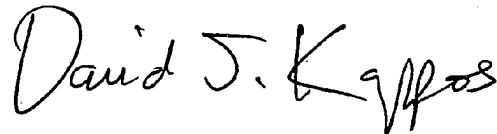
It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 23, line 7, claim 37 “reinforcing” should be changed to --enhancing--; and

Column 23, line 22, claim 40 “an” should be changed to --a--.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Kappos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'K'.

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